



FLATHEAD  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## Generous Legacy - November 2016 Newsletter

Dear Friends of the Flathead Community Foundation,

For five years, I have had the honor to serve as Executive Director of the Flathead Community Foundation. When I accepted the position, I proposed to serve for two years before passing the baton to someone with a longer career path ahead. My family and I were getting older and I wanted to spend more time with them, especially with my parents.

Two years quickly became five as the Foundation pursued its mission to build and preserve a healthy, thriving Flathead Valley through the power of local philanthropy. I could go on for pages, recounting the many generous and wise donors who fuelled the work of essential non-profit organizations; the dedicated non-profit staff whose efforts saved and changed lives every day; our collaborative colleagues and advisors across the state; our tireless volunteers, community partners, and Board members at home.

During these fast five years my family and I have continued to grow older - funny how that happens! The time has come to make my ninety year old parents my priority. And to pass this cherished baton.

The possibilities for lifting up and sustaining our community are as giant as our vision and our commitment. Together, we are creating the best kind of Flathead Valley for our children and grandchildren to inherit. Every person, project, and organization I have been privileged to work with is helping light the way.

The next Executive Director will bring gifts of new energy, brilliance, and heart to the mission of the Flathead Community Foundation. I look forward to what waits for us beyond today's imagination and to lending my full support and assistance however it will be most helpful. This is our Community. This is our Foundation.

November reminds us to be thankful for our gifts and to share them generously. It signals the end of another year, and welcomes a brand new day. With deep gratitude for all we have shared and accomplished together, I look forward to all we will do next - for the good of the Flathead forever.

Yours sincerely,  
Lucy Smith  
Executive Director

### Upcoming Events

Many of our funds at Flathead Community Foundation have wonderful events throughout the year that help build awareness and raise funds.

Here are a few upcoming events....

[Glacier Symphony & Chorale](#)

Nov 12 & 13 MW 2 Flights of

Imagination with Glacier Chorale

Nov 19 & 20 MW 3 Cosmic Windows

with Giora Schmidt

[Hockaday Museum of Art](#)

### Nonprofit Development Partnership

*The Flathead Nonprofit Development Partnership (NpDP) - a service of the Flathead Community Foundation - provides educational programs, information resources, and networking opportunities to improve the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations in northwest Montana.*



### NpDP EVENTS

Nov 10 Brown Bag Lunch at the Museum at Central School

Nov 15 Running Effective Meetings

Nov 25 & 26 Community Open House

[Sunburst Community Foundation](#)  
Art, Cooking & Guitar Classes Weekly

[Women Who Wine Flathead](#)  
Nov 15 Rotary Club of Bigfork at the  
Collage Gallery in Bigfork  
Dec 6 Paws to Play at the Walk Your  
Dog Club in Kalispell

[NpDP](#)  
Nov 10 Brown Bag Lunch at the  
Museum at Central School  
Nov 15 Running Effective Meetings  
Dec 1 Holiday Party at Conrad  
Mansion Museum

*If you have an Upcoming Event, please  
email it to*  
[info@flatheadcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@flatheadcommunityfoundation.org).

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Your donation to the Flathead Community  
Foundation supports our mission to ensure  
the good of the Flathead forever, by  
strengthening local nonprofits  
and connecting generous donors with the  
causes they care about most. Make a  
difference.

Current Funds at the FCF:

- Abbie Shelter Endowment
- CASA for Kids Endowment
- Care Farm Challenge

Dec 1 Holiday Party at Conrad Mansion Museum

## [NpDP JOB BOARD](#)

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### **Giving Circle** **Women Who Wine of the Flathead**

WWWF, a Giving Circle and charitable fund of the Flathead Community Foundation is committed to engaging all women in the power of collective philanthropy. Members regularly contribute their time, talents, and financial resources to serve their community - and through monthly gatherings educate themselves and others about local needs and services. New members are always welcome! Monthly meetings are held in Kalispell on the first Tuesday of the month. Bigfork meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month (not every month).



Women Who Wine of the Flathead  
A Charitable Fund of the Flathead Community Foundation

To learn more about WWWF or sign up for monthly announcements,  
[please visit our Women Who Wine Flathead web page.](#)

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Nov 15 Rotary Club of Bigfork at the Collage Gallery in Bigfork  
Dec 6 Paws to Play at the Walk Your Dog Club in Kalispell

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### **Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon** **Tom Catmull & Travis Yost** **Sunday, November 6th**

We're pleased to support Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon as it kicks off the season on November 6th with a Fabulous Acoustic Duo - Tom Catmull & Travis Yost.

The show benefits the Bigfork Elves.

Come enjoy some great music with some friends!

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$17 at the door. They can be purchased at Electric Avenue Gifts, Great Northern Gourmet and [online here by clicking this link](#). Your ticket includes a complimentary glass of wine on arrival. Get them early - last season two of our shows sold out!



- Center for Restorative Youth Justice Endowment
- Child Bridge Endowment
- Crown of the Continent Community Choir
- Flathead Community Foundation Endowment
- Flathead Food Bank Endowment
- Friends of Flathead Law Enforcement
- Glacier Symphony & Chorale Endowment
- Foy-Herron Park Endowment
- Hockaday Museum of Art Endowment
- Humane Society of NW Montana Endowment
- Kalispell Boulder Project
- Kalispell Golf Association
- Lighthouse Christian Home
- NpDP Endowment
- NW MT Forest Fire Lookout Endowment
- Paws to Play Dog Park Project
- Ravenwood Outdoor Learning Center
- Sunburst Community Foundation Endowment
- Women Who Wine of the Flathead (Giving Circle)

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*Tom Catmull and Travis Yost have spent the past 15 years in the glorious business of words and music. Travis was 19 years old when this partnership got started, and has since earned a solid reputation around Montana and beyond as a skilled multi-instrumentalist*

*(bass, guitar, drums, synth, and on), a gifted singer/songwriter and a rather high demand recording engineer (Year of the Kangaroo Recording, Missoula, MT). Tom is a songwriter/performer with a dragnet of fans all over the west. Over the past 20 years, he's released 7 full length albums, written hundreds of songs, played thousands of shows, appeared on Montana PBS's "11th and Grant" (with Travis and John Sporman) and has been voted "Best Musician" in the Missoula Independents Annual "Best Of" Issue for the past 12 years. (2nd place spot this year? Travis Yost, of course!) With the two of them together, you're going to hear well-crafted original Americana music presented with acoustic guitar, upright bass, tight harmonies and a bit of harmonica. You will also view the general appearance of two old friends who enjoy what they do.*

You make the difference. We make it happen.